GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CIVIL AVIATION
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ENTRY OF TRUCK WITH EXPLOSIVES IN IGI AIRPORT
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Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is aware of an incident in which a truck having gun powder and detonators had entered in Indira Gandhi International Airport campus despite tight security arrangements.

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government has investigated the matter;

(d) if so, the outcome thereof and the action taken against the erring persons; and

(e) the steps taken or proposed to be taken by the Government to check the recurrence of such incidents?

Answer

- MINISTER OF STATE(INDEPENDENT CHARGE) OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION(SHRI PRAFUL PATEL)

(a) & (b): On 12.6.2005, a truck bearing Registration No.HR-55B-1208 was detained by CISF staff at Gate No.15 of IGI Airport. A plastic gunny bag containing 69 detonators, 15 meters fuse wire and white substance weighing approx.10.7 Kg(nature of the substance under invesigation) was concealed under the seat of the driver.

(c) & (d): From the investigation it is revealed that the truck was engaged by a sub-contractor of the Contractor, who was awarded contract by Airports Authority of India for levelling and grading of the side strip and mound at North of the main runway. It is further revealed that explosive substance was meant for levelling and grading of side strip and mound the north of main runway. However, the contractor/sub contractor did not have license to possess and use explosive material. A case has been registered under the Explosive Substance Act at Police Station IGI Airport Terminal-II, New Delhi. Accused driver has been arrested and legal action initiated against all others found criminally liable during the course of further investigation.

(e) Following steps have been taken to avoid the recurrences of such accidents in future:-

(i)The access control at all the gates leading to the operational area has been intensified and surprise checks at all the work sites inside the operational area are carried out from time to time by CISF officers.

(ii)Escort of the vehicles by CISF officers upto the operational area and unloading of material in their presence.